

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022 in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairperson Sue Lee, Vice Chairman Jerol Kivett, and Commissioners Thaddeus Godwin, Lethia Lee, and Clark Wooten.

Chairperson Sue Lee called the meeting to order and acknowledged Vice Chairperson Kivett who provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as published.

Item 1: Reports and Presentations

Introduction of New Chamber Executive Director Chairperson Lee recognized Matt Stone as the new Executive Director of the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Stone introduced himself, gave a brief history of his experience, and expressed that he is looking forward to working here in Sampson County.

Presentation of Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 20, 2021 Chairperson Lee acknowledged the upcoming birthday of Finance Officer David Clack before calling on County Manager Causey and Mr. Clack to update the Board on the status of the Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021. Mr. Clack informed the Board that the report was currently unavailable and called on auditor Wade Greene to give a full update. Mr. Greene apologized for the delay due to COVID-19 and anticipated the report being completed in the next few days. The presentation will be made at the February 2022 Board Meeting.

Item 2: Planning and Zoning Items

Request to Rezone 8.91 Acres (of a 91.6-acre tract) located at 7170 Fayetteville Highway from Residential Agricultural (RA) to Commercial (C) Chairperson Lee called on Senior Planner Austin Brinkley who reviewed a recommendation by the Planning Board to rezone 8.91 acres of a 91.6-acre tract from Residential Agricultural to Commercial. The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the rezoning request, finding the rezoning to be consistent with the land use plan and the Residential Growth Land Use designation. There were no questions for Mr. Brinkley. Mr. Thomas Spaulding of the Spaulding Group, who prepared the original application, made himself available to answer any questions. There were no questions from the Board or audience. Chairperson Lee called upon Joshua Palmquist of 7920 Fayetteville Hwy., who had previously signed up to speak on this matter. Mr. Palmquist did not have any specific questions regarding the rezoning. Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Kivett and a second by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve, by resolution, the proposed rezoning of 8.91 acres of a 91.6-acre tract from Residential Agricultural to Commercial and adopt the following zoning consistency statement: *The*

Sampson County Board of Commissioners finds the proposed rezoning to be consistent with the Residential Growth Land Use designation and to positively align with the main purpose and intent of such designation. The Sampson County Board of Commissioners finds that the rezoning request is reasonable and votes to approve the rezoning request. The Sampson County Board of Commissioners also finds the proposed rezoning to be consistent with the land use plan.

Item 3: Action Items

Approval of Location for Emergency Services/Sheriff Office Storage Facility

Chairperson Lee called on County Manager Causey who asked Lin Reynolds to present his research findings. Mr. Reynolds reminded the Board that the County received state appropriations in the amount of \$3.0 million for the construction of a storage building to serve the needs of Emergency Services (\$2.0 million) and the Sheriff's Office (\$1.0 million). He has determined that the site on which the new emergency services facilities are being constructed provides adequate space to also construct the storage facility. Mr. Reynolds has reached out to the EM Director and the Sheriff, and both concur with the potential site, which is between the emergency services facilities and Sheriff's Office. With the approval of the site, the field testing, surveying, design, estimating, and bidding can commence. Vice Chairperson Kivett inquired about management and security of the building. Mr. Causey clarified that the two departments would be separated within the building and that the Sheriff's department would be given added security, as needed. Upon a motion by Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the location of the storage building.

Scheduling of Annual Planning Sessions Chairperson Lee called on County Manager Causey who explained that he would like to have budget work sessions on February 17th and February 23rd. These meeting dates coincide with availability of outside participants and previously scheduled meetings. Mr. Causey noted that he has reserved Heritage Hall at the Expo Center in order to allow adequate space for social distancing. The Board agreed upon the proposed dates.

Public Hearing - Naming of Private Road Chairperson Lee opened the Public Hearing. Assistant County Manager Susan Holder informed the Board that the County has duly advertised this public hearing to receive comments on the recommendations of the Road Naming Committee regarding the names of certain private roads. Mrs. Holder offered that the committee recommended that PVT 1834 Industrial be named Enterprise Drive. Chairperson Lee closed the public hearing. Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Kivett and a second by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to name the road as recommended.

Appointments - LEPC Chairperson Lee called upon Vice Chairman Kivett who moved to appoint Allen Hancock and Jim DeMay to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Upon a second by Commissioner Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to make these appointments.

Item 4: Consent Agenda

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairman Kivett and a second by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Approved the minutes of the December 6, 2021 meeting
- b. Approved the updated fire insurance district boundary maps for the Sampson County fire districts (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- c. Declared the service weapon used by retiring officer Louis High (Sig Sauer P226, serial number 47 A066299) as surplus and authorized transfer to officer
- d. Authorized execution of the Department of Aging's 2022 application for United Way funding for the Wheelchair Ramp Program (\$30,000) (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- e. Authorized execution of the Medical Services Contract between the Sampson County (Sheriff's Office) and Rodney K. Sessoms, MD; Kimberly D. Grigsby-Sessoms, MD; and Incarcerated Medical Services (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- f. Approved a late application for disabled veterans tax exclusion for William Henry Jones, Jr.
- g. Approved the tax refunds and releases as submitted

#9784	Candice Rhae Adams	\$177.19
#9782	Belinda Lowry Lee	\$178.50
#9778	William Kenneth Sutton	\$705.48
#9775	Cory Jason Muzzy	\$416.25
#9774	Johnny Patrick Millen	\$416.25
#9776	George B. Howard	\$481.50
#9781	Miguel Carbajal	\$110.88
#9779	Jerry Lucas	\$676.94
#9767	Michaela Madalina Grieser	\$123.50
#9762	Wendy Grady	\$344.76
#9761	Victor Wayne Jackson	\$105.24
Tax Release	James F. Moore, Jr.	\$209.78
Tax Release	Blythe Jordan	\$358.95
Tax Release	Nicholas Allen Jordan	\$324.40
Tax Release	Jonathan Wayne Peterson	\$257.86
Tax Release	Dallas Bell	\$388.63
Tax Release	David Baldwin	\$303.85
Tax Release	Clinton Acres, LLC	\$1,913.65
Tax Release	Transource, Inc.	\$6,787.33

- h. Approved budget amendments as submitted

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Health Department		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551560	519300	Medical Services	\$500.	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535123	408401	Donation	\$500.	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Soil & Water		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
28349610	526200	Departmental Supplies	\$2,500.	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
28334961	409909	Fund Bal Appropriated State	\$2,500.	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Sheriff		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11243100	555000	Capital Outlay Equipment	\$4,000.	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034310	408900	Misc. Revenue	\$4,000.	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Social Services		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13554810	568416	Water Assistance Program	\$133,882.	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13535480	403316	Grant Water Assistance	\$133,882.	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Social Services		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13554810	568414	LIEAP	\$73,190.	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13535480	403314	LIEAP	\$73,190.	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Cooperative Extension		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11449500	529900	Misc. Expenses	\$2,995.	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034950	408900	Misc. Revenue Coop Extension	\$2,995.	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Aging		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558670	524100	Building Materials	\$29,558.	
02558670	544000	Contracted Services	\$15,000.	

REVENUE

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035867	403601 State Grant – Mid Carolina	\$44,558.	

Item 5: Board Information

The Board received the following items as information only:

- a. Invitation – Mid Carolina Regional Council Annual Meeting
- b. Bladen County Disengagement with Eastpointe LME-MCO

Item 6: County Manager’s Report

County Manager Causey clarified that although staff has a general idea of how they would like to use the state allocated funds, nothing has been specifically committed to at this time.

Item 7: Public Comment Period

No public comment was received, and none had been received by the Clerk prior to the meeting.

Closed Session – GS 143-318.11 (3), Attorney Client Privilege

Upon a motion by Chairperson Lee and a second by Vice Chairman Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to enter into Closed Session. Upon a motion by Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Wooten, the board voted unanimously to come out of Closed Session.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

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Sue Lee, Chairperson

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Susan J. Holder, Clerk to the Board